

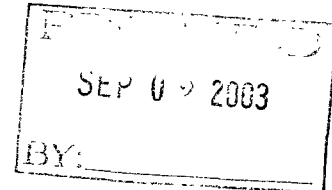


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August 25, 2003



Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter will serve as a 30-day notification pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 that NBTY Inc. is using the following statements on our Gelatin supplements under the CVS label:

- Joint Health
- Contributes to Healthy Joint Function
- Collagen contributes to the support structure for all connective tissue in the body including bones, teeth, skin and tendons.

The above statements are accompanied by the required disclaimer pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act.

Sincerely,

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